Sunday, November 22, 2026



Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania

"Anchored in Faith, Sent out by Christ"

Anchored in faith, Christ's Lutheran Church is a Lutheran community sent out by Christ to cherish our elders, welcome God's people, and serve our neighbors in love.

ARE YOU VISITING? START HERE!

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our service. Here are some things to know!

There is a quiet space in the back of the sanctuary if you or your child needs less sensory input or a chance to stretch and move. There are also blue cloth bags with fidget toys and other activities in that space. Please return the bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates).

Restrooms (with diaper decks) and a nursery are down the hall on the right. The nursery is unstaffed but has a TV displaying the worship service.

General info:

- The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. Just follow along!
- Words for the longer songs (hymns) are in the red pew books. The hymn numbers are in the bulletin and look like this ELW #.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. Please take an empty cup for wine or grape juice on your way forward. We serve both wheat and gluten-free wafers. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the Pastor know.
- Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube. Your image may appear. Can't make it to worship? Find us here: https://www.youtube.com/@christslutheranchurchmurry443
- We do receive an offering or donation as part of the service. There is a QR code in the bulletin or an envelope in the pew.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office: 412-795-1212

Church Office email: office@christsmurrysville.org

Website: www.christsmurrysville.org

App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

Christ The King

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

Please use this time to silently prepare
your hearts and minds for worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Amen.

Please take a moment in silence for personal confession.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: Amen.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: Let us now share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation" *ELW #679*

GREETING

P: ☩ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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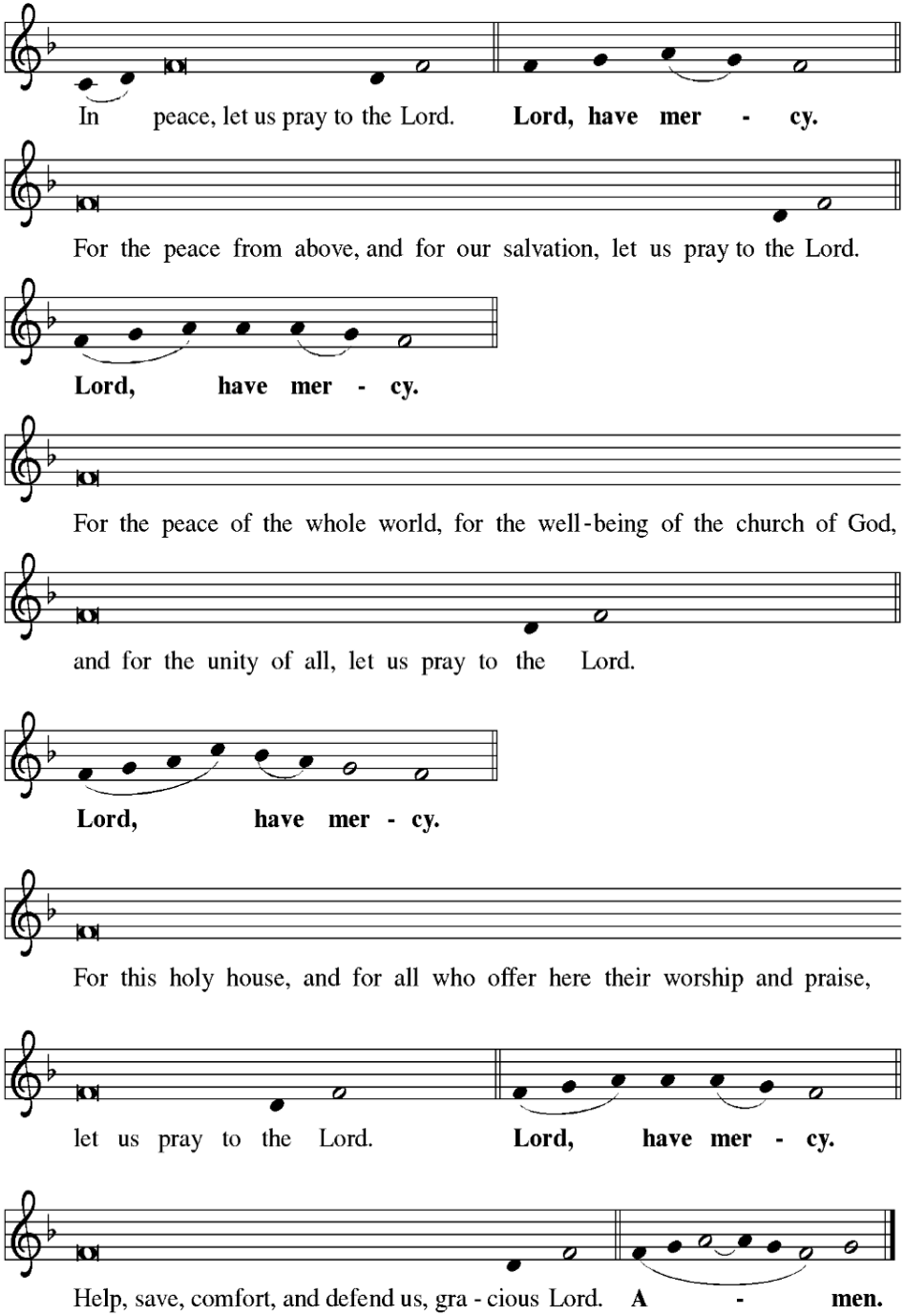

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 95:1-7a *(please be seated)*

A: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

A: For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

A: The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker

A: For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

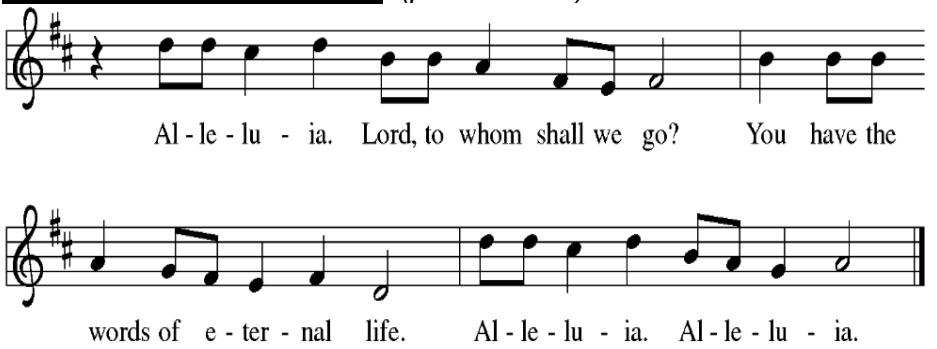
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back

the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was

naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *(please be seated)* Pastor Sue Washburn

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand)*
"Crown Him With Many Crowns *ELW #855*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed
We say together what Christians have believed for centuries.

A: Please join me in affirming our faith together
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stand)*

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

P: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. Be working among Christ's Lutheran's congregation in this time of transition. Raise up leaders among us with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Thank you for all who donate their time and energy to serving you in so many different ways. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Faithful God, we pray for Christ's Lutheran Church as it discerns your call for future ministries. Be working in the heart and mind of the next pastor as you prepare them to lead this congregation. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need including:

Greg & Donna B., Robert Bante, Tom C., Pastor John Cawkins, Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Debbie Faust, David Favero, Nancy Fiedler, Connie Fontana, Donna Fontana, Chuck G., Peggy Henry, James Holt III, Marlene Karl, the Koteles Family, Bob L., Lisa Lehman, Tom M., John Magnus, Bela Molnar, Derwood Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Michael S., Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre, and Sue Werner





And for our church members and friends:

Karen Lemon
Sarah Lindy
Carl Lingelbach & Joyce Perrone
Jeff & Carol Long

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD FOR HARVEST HOME

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

P: Giving an offering to God has always been part of our Judeo-Christian tradition. We give what we have – our financial donations, our volunteer efforts, our willingness to show up and help are ways of showing our love for God. Please give generously.

You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service,

You can scan this QR code to our online giving page,



You can use our app to send your offering,

or mail your offering to the church:

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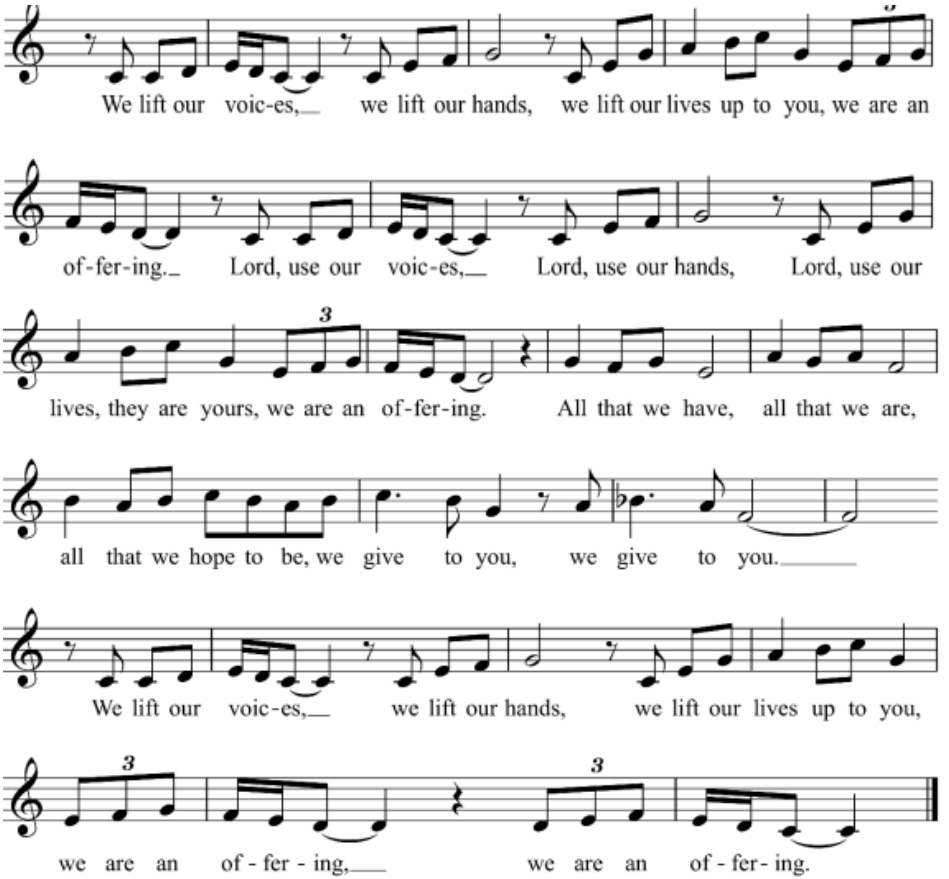
THE OFFERTORY *Instrumental*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

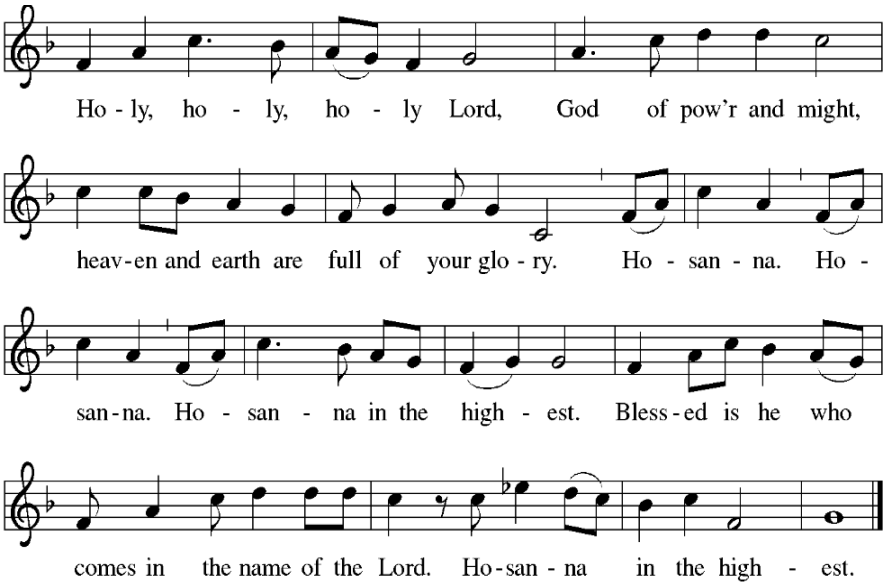
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

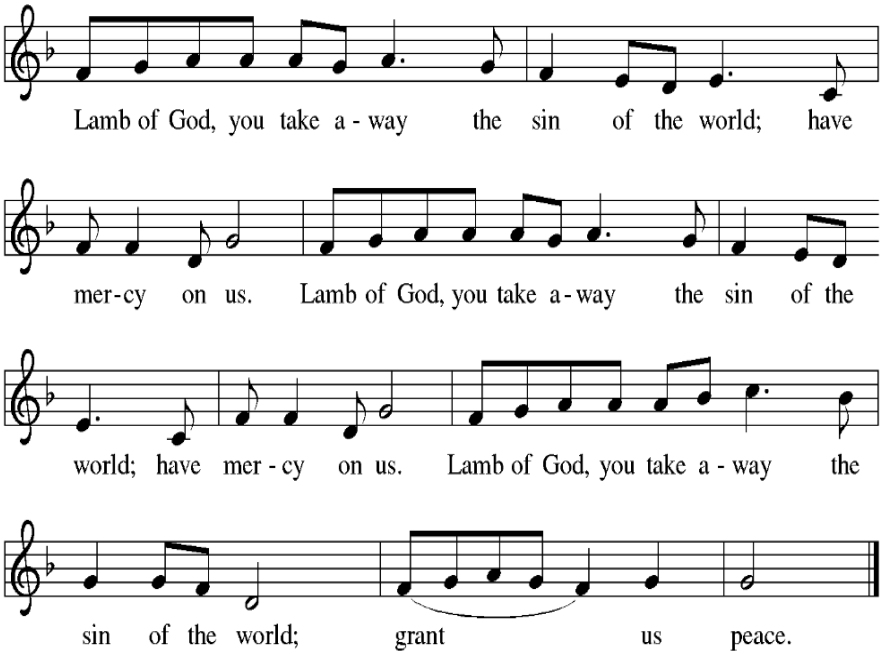
P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD



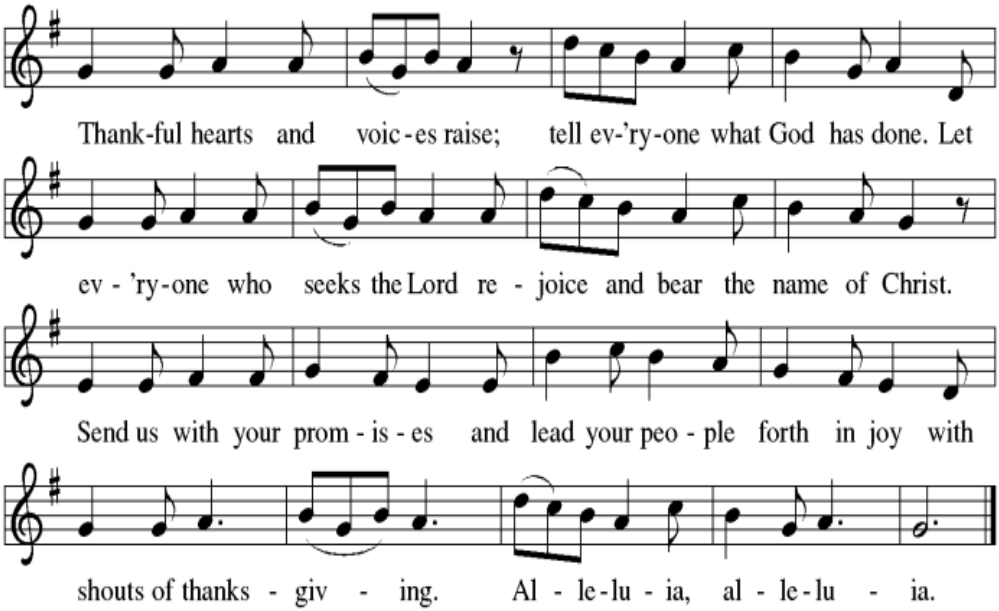
HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. You may come forward and take an empty cup for wine or a filled cup of grape juice to the altar. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will come to you. When Communion is finished, please stand.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION RESPONSE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Let us sing together the closing blessing

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev'ry day.
May the Lord give you peace on your journey.
May God's love and peace fill your heart.
May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.

Gillespie

P: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come" *ELW #693*

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

Pastor	Rev. Sue Washburn
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Steven J. Myers
Organist	Joshua Beck
Pianist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Parish Administrator	Laura Vincenti

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Pastor Sue's
"Drop-In Wednesdays"
Community Outreach

Pastor Sue's community hours continue at ***Dunkin*** on Rt. 286. Stop by and bring your friends to meet and chat with her.

Wednesdays: 10 am-noon
Dunkin, Holiday Park
1803 Golden Mile Highway
(Route 286)

Pastor Sue's Open Office Hours at the Church

Fridays from
10 am to 12 pm

Please feel free to stop by to talk about what's on your mind. Or schedule time with Pastor Sue here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church COUNCIL

We at Christ's Lutheran have been planting seeds all year with the prayer/hope that they would yield CLC members ready to help our church grow and reach others with God's word. Leadership of our church is our Council which is made up of members from all walks of life who share their experiences, both at CLC and in the world, to add to discussions and decisions made at the Council table.

We believe that the seeds we planted have taken root and have bloomed into a corps of CLC members ready to step up to serve their congregation.

Please contact Linda Paulovich lindajeanpaul@aol.com, Harry Replogle replogle4@verizon.net, or Carol Tamenne bctamenne@gmail.com to discuss your interest in becoming a member of CLC's Council.

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Christ's Lutheran Worship Assistant Training

Sunday, January 10, 2027, at 11:00 AM
(immediately following the Sunday service)

Please consider serving as a Worship Assistant at Christ's Lutheran. We are in need of volunteers to help perform our worship services for both Saturdays and Sundays.

We will hold a brief training session after church on Sunday, January 10.

No prior experience is necessary. This role can also be shared by two people for the same service—one to read Scripture and one to assist with Holy Communion.

Please join us on January 10 to learn more and see if God is leading you to serve in this ministry.

To order poinsettias in memory or honor of family and friends, which will adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please take an order envelope from the table in the Entryway. Poinsettias will be in 6" pots, each with 7-9 blooms. Plants are $10.50 each and you can choose red, white or marble. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



Absolute deadline for orders is Sunday, <u>November 30th</u>. Place your order envelope in the offering plates or drop off at the church office.

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Cancelled for the weekend after Thanksgiving:





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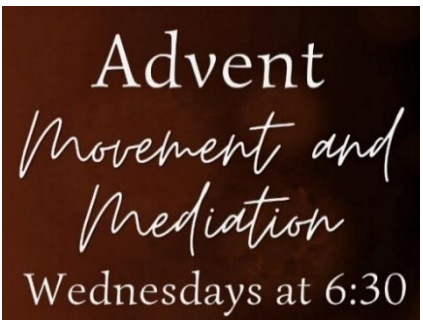

The holidays can be stressful. This pastor-led candlelight class at Christ's Lutheran will feature quiet prayer and reflection on Bible scriptures. *The experience will be more spiritual than religious.*



Movement may be from the floor or a chair. Please bring an exercise mat or a towel.

Wednesday evenings during Advent -
December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 6:30.

Free and open to the public, bring a friend!


A Time of Remembrance
CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE HAVE LOVED AND LOST
AS PART OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH

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Congregational Meetings
to accept Council Nominations
December 5th and 6th after services

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The Kiski Valley Community Band
presents:
The Sounds of Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2026
7:30 pm
Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668
A Free Concert ~ donations will benefit the Blackburn Center

Youth Group December Meeting

Youth Group will be making Gingerbread Houses on December 6 at 6 p.m.

All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to attend!

Meeting will be held in the youth room (last room in the Sunday School hallway)

Materials will be provided!

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CHRISTMAS PARENTS' DAY OUT & BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

December 12
9-Noon

Kids will learn the Christmas story through songs, games and crafts and get costumes for the "instant" Christmas pageant in worship on December 13

Sign up online or in the church lobby

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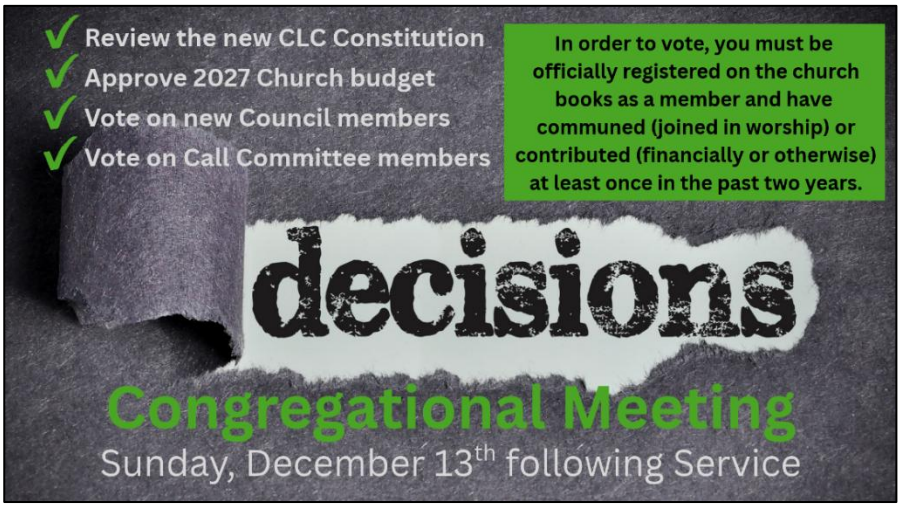



Our church office is open:

Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 22nd – 29th, 2026

Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week

HARVEST HOME WEEKEND

Sunday 11/22	***The families of members of our congregation***
9:00 am	Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults
10:00 am	Sunday Worship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday 11/23	***Teachers, teacher assistants, professors and all others who educate children***
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday 11/24	***Our Little Pantry, those who donate food, and the families and individuals who are fed***
9:00 am	Stitched With Love
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday 11/25	***The continued success of Pastor Sue's Community Ministry***
10:00 am	Pastor Sue's Community Hours – Dunkin Rt. 286
Thursday 11/26	***A safe and blessed Thanksgiving for all***
	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday 11/27	***Kiara, the young person we sponsor through Compassion International***
10:00 am	Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours
3:30 pm & 5:00 pm	K9 Ministry - Scent Training for Dogs

ADVENT BEGINS

Saturday 11/28	***People who are grieving during this holiday season***
6:00 pm	Saturday Worship
Sunday 11/29	***That we each make best use of the skills God gifted to us***
9:00 am	Study for Adults
10:00 am	Sunday Worship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous